

Russia and Ukraine Exchange Bodies of 285 Fallen Soldiers

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Russia and Ukraine exchanged the remains of 285 soldiers killed during the war, the RBC outlet [reported](#) Thursday, citing a Russian lawmaker.

Ukraine received the bodies of 261 of its soldiers while handing Russia the remains of 24 soldiers, said Shamsail Saraliyev, a State Duma lawmaker from the ruling United Russia party and member of a parliamentary group dedicated to the conflict.

Repatriations of fallen soldiers and prisoner-of-war exchanges remain among the few channels of direct communication between Moscow and Kyiv since Russia launched its full-scale invasion in 2022.

Friction over POW swaps emerged this week as Russia's Human Rights Ombudswoman Yana Lantratova [accused](#) Ukraine of refusing the next exchange.

Lantratova on Wednesday and Thursday published a list of 497 Ukrainian prisoners of war

and convicted soldiers whom she said Moscow was ready to hand over to Kyiv.

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Ukraine's Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War, which [confirmed](#) the latest exchange of the soldiers' bodies, accused Lantratova of running a "disinformation campaign."

The Coordination Headquarters [claimed](#) Russia was stalling negotiations while refusing independent medical observers access to Ukrainian soldiers held in Russia, where it said they are subjected to torture and mistreatment. It claimed to have identified 200 detention sites, including prisons and so-called "basements," where Ukrainian POWs were being held.

"Only actual readiness to hold an exchange rather than broadcasting selective lists demonstrates a true desire to bring people home," the Coordination Headquarters said earlier Thursday.

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